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A Note From Chief Mosley

Dear Fellow Brimfield Residents,

On behalf of the men and women of BPD, I want to say "*thank you*" so much for your recent support of our police protection replacement levy - Issue #4.

We can now "*move forward*" and strategically address staffing, equipment and technology needs in a structured fashion. Our valuable partnership with Field Local Schools via our School Resource Officer (SRO) program can now continue. We will also be able to maintain our current K-9 program that we have worked hard to develop over time without further cuts. Critical staffing will not be lost, and we can begin to address police officer staffing going forward starting next year in 2017. Training is now going to be significantly enhanced for our police officers.

As we all know, 2015 was a year of challenge and change for our growing community's police department. Despite the obstacles that were present, it is important for everyone to know that our department did not skip a beat when it came to our community engagement piece that we place such a high value on. That was due to the efforts of our entire team at BPD.

Brimfield has been my family's home for the past 18 years. We have a great community with so many wonderful people who care deeply about our welfare and the future of Brimfield Township. That foundation should serve us well as we "*move forward*."

Roy E. Mosley III, CLEE
Chief of Police



Every year in April, the term “April Showers Bring May Flowers” plays in my head. We’ve all heard it for as long as we can remember. So who originally came up with this little ditty?

The phrase is actually attributed to an English farmer and poet by the name of Thomas Tusser. In 1557, (yes, the phrase dates back to the 16th century), Mr. Tusser wrote a book, “A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry”. He had divided the book into sections and in the April section, he wrote, “*Sweet April showers Do Spring May flowers.*” A rare expanded version of his book, called “Five Hundred Points of Husbandry” is still available.

Mr. Tusser was born in 1524 and died on May 3, 1580.

My thought is that over the years, “*Spring May Flowers*” was misunderstood as “*Bring May Flowers.*” Personally, I like “Spring May Flowers” much better.

Brimfield Township Electronic Sign

Here is some information regarding the Brimfield Township Digital that sign you may find helpful.

Information placed on the digital sign is for events taking place within the township and/or groups, organizations, and residents of Brimfield Township only.

No advertising is permitted although we will notify of a new business that has opened within the township.

Whenever possible, we place events on the sign 2 weeks prior to the start of the event and run it until the end of said event. We do not place events sooner than 2 weeks prior to the event.

Most of the events are placed on the sign in order of the start date of the event. As an example, an event that begins on the 12th of the month will run before the event starting on the 15th of the month.

Events involving Brimfield Township Administration, trustees, zoning, road, police and fire departments and/or Township meetings are shown before other events and may be placed on the sign for longer periods of time. For example, the beginning of the sign runs the time and temperature, our website information, dates of Township Trustee Meetings, information pertaining to police, fire, and road departments, and any office closures. Many of these are ongoing.

Other events and/or information that are ongoing (no start or end date) generally run after all dated events.

Please keep in mind that your event may not be seen while you or others are waiting at the stoplight in the town center. The number of events placed on the sign are numerous and ongoing. I often say at

times, you could sit at the intersection for a week and not see all the events. On March 14, the items on the sign ran a total of 3 minutes.



16th Annual Sam DeBartolo Scouting for Food Drive

Each year, the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts pass out grocery bags to collect non-perishable food and personal care items and envelopes for monetary contributions to Brimfield residents for the Brimfield Community Cupboard.

On **Saturday, April 9**, they will drop off grocery bags and envelopes to Brimfield residences. On **Saturday, April 16**, they will return to the residence to collect the items you would like to donate.

Donations can also be dropped off at the Faith United Methodist Church, 1235 Tallmadge Road on April 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or at the Brimfield Police Department, 1287 Tallmadge Road, Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions please contact Mark at 330-221-1610 or Patti at 330-541-3223.

Answers to Your Burning Questions

With spring approaching, we are often asked what type of burning is allowed and what is not. The rules for open burning are imposed by the state of Ohio EPA, not Brimfield Township.

Barbeques, campfires and cookouts are allowed but must be no larger than 2 feet high by 3 feet wide. Only clean, seasoned firewood or equivalent can be used. Other burning, such as leaves, tree trimmings, brush, stumps and grass is **ONLY** allowed where the fire will be more than 1,000 feet from a neighbor's inhabited structure, thus eliminating most residential neighborhoods in Brimfield.

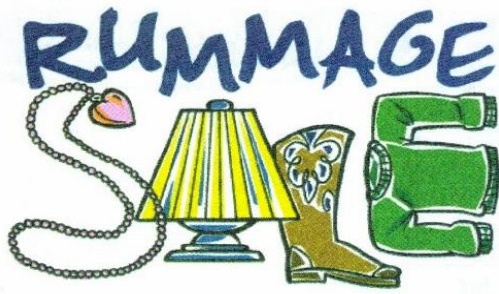
I have included a chart from the Ohio EPA for your convenience.

More information on your burning questions can be found in .pdf form at Ohio EPA's website by copying the link below:

epa.ohio.gov/dapc/general/openburning



TYPE OF FIRE		OUTSIDE A VILLAGE OR CITY IF GENERATED ON PROPERTY	
Barbeques, Campfires, cookouts		Wood stack no larger than 2 ft. high x 3 ft. wide. Use clean, seasoned firewood or equivalent.	
Agricultural waste		Agricultural wastes and plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and material from crop or livestock production. This includes fence posts and scrap lumber, but does not include buildings, land clearing, waste, dead animals or animal waste. <i>Fire must be more than 1,000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building.</i> <i>Request permission from Ohio EPA if pile greater than 20 ft. wide x 10 ft. high (4,000 cubic feet). This may take two weeks.</i>	
Land-clearing waste		Plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and crop residues. <i>With prior written permission from Ohio EPA. This may take two weeks.</i>	
Residential waste		Plant matter such as tree trimmings, stumps, brush, weeds, leaves, grass, shrubbery and crop residues. Also wastes such as wood or paper products that are generated by one-, two-, or three-family residences. <i>Fire must be more than 1,000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building.</i> <i>Request permission from Ohio EPA if pile greater than 10 ft. x 10 ft. x 10 ft. This may take two weeks.</i>	
Ceremonial fires		Wood stack no larger than 5 ft. high x 5 ft. wide. Duration no longer than three hours. <i>No notification required.</i>	
Occupational fires: welding torches, heating tar, heating for warmth of outdoor workers and strikers		Use clean, seasoned firewood contained in a 55-gallon drum.	
Firefighter training, Explosive material disposal		<i>With prior written permission from Ohio EPA.</i> <i>This may take two weeks.</i>	
Horticultural, silvicultural, range or wildlife management practices		<i>With prior written permission from Ohio EPA.</i> <i>This may take two weeks.</i>	
Disease or pest control		Local health department, Ohio Department of Agriculture or U.S. Department of Agriculture verifies to Ohio EPA that open burning is the only appropriate control method.	



Brimfield Lions Club

RUMMAGE SALE

The Brimfield Lions Club is holding a Rummage Sale, Friday, April 1 and Saturday, April 2, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Faith United Methodist Church, 1235 Tallmadge Road in Brimfield.

There will also be a bag sale Saturday, April 2 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Proceeds will be used for Lions Club projects.

For more information, please contact Mary, 330-573-3478 or Joanne at 330-329-7375.

Brimfield Historical Society Hosting Ohio Chautauqua Preview April 7



The Brimfield Historical Society is hosting an **Ohio Chautauqua Preview Event** on **Thursday, April 7** at the Kent American Legion's Underwood Hall, with hors d'oeuvres and music beginning at 6:30 p.m., followed by the main program at 7:00 p.m. They will present one of the scholars, Hank Fincken who portrays Thomas Edison and who previously worked with Ohio Chautauqua, to give you a sense of how the program works and how it is both interesting and entertaining. After experiencing the program, it is hoped you will be able explain it to others as you help spread the word about the week-long event in June. There is no cost for any of the programs connected with the Ohio Chautauqua program, so come and enjoy.

You are welcome to share the attached invitation/tickets with as many as you wish. Thank you in advance for helping to spread the word.

If you have questions about the Ohio Chautauqua Preview Event on April 7 or the Ohio Chautauqua event held June 7 through June 11, please feel free to call the Kelso House office at 330-673-1058, or email : curator@kelsohouse.org.

The Brimfield Historical Society cordially invites you to	
<i>Ohio Chautauqua Preview Event</i>	
Ohio Chautauqua is sponsored by the Ohio Humanities Council	
Thursday April 7 2016	Underwood Hall at the Kent American Legion 1945 Mogadore Road ■ Kent, Ohio 44260
Contact Information: Brimfield Historical Society (330) 673-1058	Hors d'oeuvres reception at 6:30 in the evening Performance at 7:00 in the evening

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Looking for Bridge Players!

If interested please contact: Nellie Slepoy 330-673-6621 or
 email: nslepoy1@juno.com

German Family Society Spring Concert April 16



The German Family Society, 3871 Ranfield Road in Brimfield, is hosting a German Spring Concert on **Saturday, April 16, 2016.**

The cost of this event is \$30.00 per person and includes dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. consisting of cabbage rolls (sarma), country chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad and rolls.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. with performances by Duo Mosaïque, Kevin Pabst, Romy and Zillertaler Edelweiss Duo, from Germany and Austria. This event includes dancing as well.

Reservations are required and must be made one week prior to the event.

Please contact Betty Leipold, 330-923-7947 or Hermine Frischerz, 330-990-0271 for reservations.

Free Community Dinner



Faith United Methodist Church Free Community Dinner Monday, April 25

The Faith United Methodist Church in Brimfield offers a free community meal to all residents the 4th Monday of every month. This month it will be April 25 from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Again, everyone is welcome!

Brimfield Elementary School PTA Partners with Easter Seals for FILL THE TRUCK Event

Brimfield Elementary School PTA is partnering with Easter Seals of Northern Ohio to help local children and adults with disabilities as well as to raise money for the PTA on **Friday, April 22 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 23 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

The Brimfield Elementary School PTA Presents FILL THE TRUCK



The Brimfield PTA will partner with Easter Seals Northern Ohio to not only raise money for our group, but also to help local children and adults with disabilities.

WHEN:

Friday, April 22, from 5-7pm and Saturday, April 23 from 8-10am.

WHAT:

An Easter Seals truck will be parked at the Elementary School to accept donations of clothing, blankets, towels, shoes, purses, stuffed animals, cloth lunchboxes and backpacks, and many other items!

For each pound of items collected the Brimfield PTA will receive a donation!

Even stained, ripped, or torn items can be recycled into something.

The more items donated the more money raised for both groups!

WHO:

We need YOU!

Tell your friends, family, neighbors, or anyone else looking to clear clutter and do something GOOD FOR TWO GREAT GROUPS!

QUESTIONS?

Contact Kristen at 330-990-6591

Field High School PTSA Hosting

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April 30



Hosted By the
Field High School PTSA

Saturday April 30, 2016

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Brimfield Faith United

Methodist Church

1235 Tallmadge Road, Brimfield

Ohio 44240

Concessions & Raffles !!

27 Vendors with
Cash & Carry Items

Participating Vendors:

Old Fangled, doTERRA Essential Oils, AdvoCare, Origami Owl, Tastefully Simple, Arbonne, Premier Jewelry, FitTeam, Wildtree, LuLaRoe, Usborne, Bath Time with YaYa, Coco's Confections, Younique, Trades of Hope, Thirty-One, Furry Feets, Mary Kay, Pure Romance, Pink Zebra, Scentsy, ViVi Jewelry, Yourself Expression, Discovery Toys, Pampered Chef, It Works!, Jamberry.

BOARD OF Trustees' MEETING

BOARD OF Trustees' April 2016 MEETINGS

There are 2 **Board of Trustees** meetings this month:

April 13 at 6:30 p.m. and April 27 at 3 p.m.

All meetings are held in the Community Room at the Township Administration Office, 1333 Tallmadge Rd. in Brimfield.

The Zoning Commission meets the second (2nd) Thursday of every month at **7:00 p.m. – April 14.**

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) meets the third (3rd) Wednesday of every month at **7:15 p.m. – April 20.**

All meetings are held in the Community Room at the Brimfield Township Administration Building, 1333 Tallmadge Road in Brimfield.



Parks & Rec Gearing Up for Summer

Information and registration for our Volleyball and Junior Golf League will be coming soon.

Don't forget that we have rentals available for all your summer activities.

Please call Jendy or Wendi at 330-678-0739 or email jmiller@brimfieldohio.gov for more information.

*****Thank you for supporting FHS HPAC Little Free Library Book Drive. Due to your overwhelming support, books are no longer being accepted at the Brimfield Township Administration Office.*****



Brimfield Township Administration Office

1333 Tallmadge Road

Kent, OH 44240

330-678-0739

Website: www.brimfieldohio.gov

Email: jmiller@brimfieldohio.gov

You can also find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Brimfield-Township-Ohio/20539156947635>

Thank you!

*Once again, we thank you for your support on Issue #4 -
the Brimfield Police Protection Replacement Levy!*